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## CHICAGO EXPLOSION KILLS 10, WOUNDS 50

### TEN KILLED, FIFTY INJURED, PROPERTY LOSS \$1,000,000 IN EXPLOSION IN CHICAGO

Warehouse Wrecked and 100 Families Are Homeless in "Little Italy."

LIED TO A GAS LEAK.

Other Theories Are the Blast Was Due to Political Feud or to Fireworks.

CHICAGO, March 29. (United Press).—Ten were killed and fifty injured to-day when an explosion rocked "Little Italy" in the heart of Chicago's tenement district.

Investigation leads authorities to believe the blast occurred in the paper warehouse of Joseph Weil & Company. Damage will run close to a million dollars, police estimate. This includes the loss of buildings and homes in the vicinity. One hundred families were made homeless. The warehouse was wrecked.

Harry Weil, son of the owner of the paper house, and H. Schaffer, part owner of the Finger Schaffer Company, the scene of the explosion, were taken to Police Headquarters for questioning.

The cause of the blast is undetermined. Three theories have been advanced: labor feud, political feud, or a leaky gas main.

Only a few of the bodies have been identified.

The scene of the explosion was at 1-1/2 and Halsted Streets, in the "Bloody Nineteenth" Ward, where there have been many political feuds.

The injured were rushed to improvised hospitals near the scene of the explosion. Homes were thrown open for the care of the injured. The three victims of the explosion who were pulled from the ruins were badly mangled. It is expected that identification will be difficult, if not impossible.

The explosion was heard for miles around. Heavy plate glass windows were smashed within a radius of one mile.

There was almost a panic in a department store two blocks away when the plate glass windows were shattered by the explosion.

Italian women, fearing that some of their relatives had been killed or injured, battled with the police to (Continued on Second Page.)

**COPS SEEK "OWNER" OF GRAND CENTRAL**

Sold Information Booth in Waiting Room for \$1,200 to Be Used as Fruit Stand.

The main information booth in the center of the waiting room at Grand Central Terminal is still being used as an information booth to-day, despite the fact the privilege of using it for a fruit stand was purchased yesterday for \$1,200 by Gregory Pantasy, a cigarette manufacturer of No. 434 East 79th Street, from a glib stranger who said he owned the terminal building.

Pantasy said he was introduced to the stranger by Christian Nicholas, 31, of No. 445 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn. After thinking over his \$1,200 investment, Pantasy talked with Detectives Love and Fitzpatrick, then sent a friend to a poolroom which he said Nicholas frequented. The friend passed the word around he "knew another sucker with \$2,000," and made an appointment to have him at 6th Avenue and 41st Street. There the detective arrested Nicholas.

Magistrate McGuire in West Side Court, held Nicholas in \$2,000 bail for examination Thursday. The police are looking for the "owner" of the Grand Central Terminal.

### BRINDELL LOSES; MUST NOW BEGIN TERM IN SING SING

Justice Bijur Denies Application for Certificate of Reasonable Doubt.

Supreme Court Justice Nathan Bijur to-day denied the application of Robert P. Brindell, under sentence of from five to ten years in Sing Sing for using his authority as President of the Building Trades Council for extortion for a certificate of reasonable doubt.

Marvin W. Littleton asked for the certificate on the ground that Justice John V. McAvoy, before whom Brindell was tried and sentenced, erred in permitting Samuel Untermyer, special prosecutor, to furnish evidence as to ten transactions other than the one for which Brindell was on trial for the purpose of showing the "plan and scheme" of Brindell's operations.

Justice Bijur also ruled that the error in the indictment by which it was charged that Brindell obtained money from a corporation rather than from the owner of the corporation and the building was not material.

The denial of the certificate ends the stay of sentence which has prevented the transfer of Brindell from the Tombs to begin his sentence at Sing Sing. It ends his efforts to be released on bail pending his appeal from the conviction. Mr. Littleton said to-day he was prepared to press the appeal vigorously.

### BIG COPPER MINES FORCED TO CLOSE

Depression Hits Anaconda, Utah, Chino and Ray Consolidated Companies.

Virtually all the large copper mining companies in the country announced to-day that on account of the lack of demand for the metal and the low prices prevailing they are forced completely to suspend operations. Among the companies making this announcement were the Anaconda, the Utah, the Chino, the Ray Consolidated and Nevada Consolidated.

It was explained by the managements of these companies copper cannot now be sold at the cost of production.

### COURT REFUSES TO DISBAN UNION

Justice Bijur Dismisses \$500,000 Suit Against Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Supreme Court Justice Bijur this afternoon dismissed the action brought against the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America by J. Friedman and Company, Inc.

The Friedman concern sought an injunction against picketing, dissolution of the union and damages of \$500,000. The temporary injunction recently granted to restrain picketing was dismissed.

The decision was based on the arguments of Samuel Seabury, counsel for the Amalgamated, who held the complaint did not allege a sufficient cause of action.

### THIRD WOMAN NOW APPEARS IN CASE OF J. A. STILLMAN

Of Good Social Standing and Prominent in Circles in Which Banker Moved.

CAST ASIDE, IT IS SAID.

Guardian of Baby Guy Discredits Excerpts From Alleged Testimony in Suit.

The existence of a third woman who may be brought into Mrs. James A. Stillman's defense against the divorce charges made by the President of the National City Bank was intimated to-day.

This was in addition to the statement that a young woman of theatrical experience, has given information to the lawyers of Mrs. J. A. Stillman in aiding her defense against the divorce charges started by the President of the National City Bank and who is reported ready to sacrifice the secrets of her own past, partly in sympathy with Mrs. Stillman and partly in revenge for her own displacement in Mr. Stillman's affections by her former friend and protégée, Florence Leeds.

The third woman is described as a member of a family prominent in the circles in which the Stillmans moved and of breeding, education and associations entirely different from those of Mrs. Leeds and her former associates of the "Wall Street dancing class," which went out of existence when Mr. Stillman withdrew from it and devoted himself exclusively to the attractions of Mrs. Leeds.

The friendship of the banker with this third woman caused some comment among their mutual friends. She is alleged to have been abandoned, according to the intimations received from those among whom detectives for the last day or two, before the "Dancing Class" was organized.

J. F. Brennan of counsel for Mrs. Stillman is pressing his own inquiry as to the appearance of what purported to be a transcript of the testimony of the hearing before Referee Gleason, contending that whether or not the report was accurate—and he says it was far from accurate—contempt of court was committed. Persons present at the hearings say the so-called transcript looks to them like the reconstruction of long-hand notes jotted down surreptitiously by a person interested only in one side of the case.

John E. Mack, guardian for little Guy Stillman, who was present at the hearing, said:

"In my opinion the alleged testimony was constructed from reported interviews with the witnesses in Canada. Any one who ever heard the testimony or read the stenographers' minutes would know it was not taken from those minutes."

Contrary to general expectation, Justice Morschauer made it known to-day that he would not order the letters and affidavits filed with Mrs. Stillman's alimony motion and her husband's answer to be made public when he renders his decision this week.

"I will not give out any part or all of the testimony myself," said Mr. D. J. Gleason, the referee, before whom the hearing was held, "but I do not object to any of the lawyers involved giving the whole thing out."

No lawyer would do so when asked to.

Referee Gleason said in regard to holding public hearings of the case that he was not opposed to open sessions, but that it is a matter for counsel on both sides to decide. He said if one side asked for open hearings and the other side opposed, he would take the matter under advisement. He admitted it had been the court practice to determine legitimacy hearings at open hearings, but declined to commit himself on this angle of the case.

### FAMOUS NATURALIST WHO DIED ON A TRAIN ON WAY TO HOME

"Well, Burroughs used to wonder what it was like beyond and I suppose he will begin philosophizing again as soon as he gets his bearings. There will be birds where John Burroughs is—birds and great trees!"—Henry Ford's tribute to-day.



JOHN BURROUGHS.

### BAPTISTS TO OUST RENT PROTEETERS FROM CHURCHES

Ministers Say Unwarranted Advance Is Un-Christian "Phariseism."

PITTSBURGH, March 29. A RESOLUTION, under which "rent profiteers" would be ousted from the churches, adopted by the Pittsburgh Baptist Ministers' Association, was made public here to-day. Unwarranted rent advances constitute an un-Christian "Phariseism," according to the resolution, which urged all Pittsburgh ministers to "combat gouging landlords, to take a prominent part in community protests against these wrongs, and to use the influence of their ministerial associations to prevent new burdens of greedy extortion being imposed upon the general public."

Officials of the Baptist organization said that they would urge the Pittsburgh Union Ministerial Association to adopt a similar resolution.

### JUDGE LANDIS BARS DESERTING PITCHER

Reinstatement Denied Kinney Who Went to Independent Team While Owning Athletics \$800.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Judge Landis, Commissioner of Baseball, to-day denied the application for reinstatement filed by Walter W. Kinney, a pitcher with the Philadelphia Athletics, who was charged with violating his contract last May to play with an independent team at Franklin, Pa.

Kinney deserted the Philadelphia club when the Franklin team offered him a \$500 increase in salary. From the evidence introduced, it was brought out that the Philadelphia club had advanced him \$1,000 preliminary to the start of the 1920 season; that he had been granted a 50 per cent. increase in salary and that he left the club without notice, owing about \$300, which he has never attempted to repay.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia club, sought to induce Kinney to return, but he failed to do so after having promised to join the team at Detroit.

### JOHN BURROUGHS EXPIRES ON TRAIN ON WAY TO HOME

Noted Naturalist Had to Be Carried to Car at Pasadena Where He Had Wintered.

WAS 84 YEARS OF AGE.

Owing to His Remarkable Vitality He Was Known as the Youngest of Old Men.

John Burroughs, the eminent naturalist, died at 2 o'clock this morning on the New York and New England Express, of the New York Central Railroad, at Kingsville, O., which is between Ashtabula and Amboy. He was on his way to his home, West Park, near Poughkeepsie, after spending the winter at Pasadena, Calif.

News of his death came first to this city in a telegram from Buffalo sent by Mr. Burroughs's private secretary, Dr. Clara Barrus, to Dr. Walter Gray Crump. It merely stated that Mr. Burroughs had died on the train. But yesterday afternoon another telegram was sent to Dr. Crump stating that Mr. Burroughs was critically ill and requesting that Dr. Crump arrange to meet him at Poughkeepsie to-day.

When Mr. Burroughs left Pasadena last Friday he was so ill that he had to be carried aboard the train. He was accompanied on the journey eastward by his granddaughter and Dr. Barrus. It was his frequently expressed hope to get home in time to celebrate his eighty-fourth birthday surrounded by his friends at West Park.

John Burroughs's farm home, where he lived for years, was at Roxbury, on the opposite side of the Hudson from Poughkeepsie. At the east end of the farm there is a large rock deeply embedded in a sloping pasture and sheltered by an ironwood tree. A short distance away is an ever-flowing spring, the spot being one long endeared to the naturalist. To Dr. Barrus, his secretary, Mr. Burroughs once said:

"Here I used to come when I was a boy to rest from work and play at sundown and listen to the vesper sparrow sing. Here I hope to rest when my work and play are over—when the sun goes down—here by my boyhood rock."

Dr. Crump said later to-day that Burroughs's body would be brought out to Poughkeepsie immediately.

Thomas A. Edison, one of Burroughs's oldest friends and his companion on many camping trips to the mountain regions of the country, was much shocked to learn of the naturalist's death.

"I am very sorry to hear of the (Continued on Nineteenth Page.)

### ITALY IS READY FOR NEW LEAGUE, AMBASSADOR SAYS

"Will Co-operate With President Harding," Signor Ricci Is Quoted as Saying.

ROME, March 29. AMBASSADOR ROLANDI RICCI is quoted to-day by the Tribune's Washington correspondent as saying Italy will support an association of nations proposed by President Harding.

"We are ready to receive and support any new proposal insuring peace and economic development," he is reported to have said.

"We will co-operate fully with President Harding. Italy absolutely is for peace and anything insuring it. Our words and the President's can be made. We nurse no grudge against any people."

### AM. TEL. & TEL. CO. JUMPS DIVIDEND TO 9 PER CENT.

Advance of One Point Is Expected to Maintain the Stock at a Premium.

SO RATES ARE RAISED.

President of Holding Company Explains Why Cost Is Boosted to Customers.

The directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is the holding company for practically all the operating telephone companies in the country, made an announcement to-day which may explain why the New York Telephone Company recently obtained a 28 per cent. advance in rates. The announcement is that the dividend rate of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has been increased from 5 per cent. to 9 per cent.

As soon as the announcement was made on the ticker shortly before noon the stock jumped to \$108 3/8 a share. It closed last night at \$108 3/8.

"There has been no time within the last ten years," said President H. B. Thayer in making the announcement of the raise in the dividend rate, "when the company's earnings have not been sufficient to pay a higher rate of dividend."

This statement is interesting taken in connection with advertisements published by the New York Telephone Company during its campaign for higher rates. The New York Telephone Company is the largest component corporation in the group financially managed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. It is the greatest and most prosperous telephone company in the world. From the earnings of the New York Telephone Company the American Telephone and Telegraph Company obtains a considerable part of the money which it pays in dividends on its stock.

The New York Telephone Company has persistently maintained that at the old rates it could not earn enough money to make its stock an attractive investment. One of the grounds upon which it applied to the Public Service Commission for an increase in rates was that it is deeply indebted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Corporation Counsel O'Brien in opposition to the demand for increased rates maintained that the New York Telephone Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company are essentially one corporation; that the earnings were sufficient to have laid up a surplus against alleged conditions which the New York company advanced as causes for raising rates.

President Thayer said that the dividend rate has been raised in order to create a market for the stock. But examination of the annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31 last discloses the fact that as an 8 per cent. dividend payer the stock was steadily gaining in (Continued on Second Page.)

### BANDITS ROB BANK, ESCAPE WITH \$20,000

Five Armed and Masked Men Hold Up Institution at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 29.—The City Bank of St. Paul was held up and robbed by five armed men to-day. They escaped in a touring car. The bandits got \$20,000, according to Cashier C. F. Kalsheuer, who was beaten on the head with revolvers and badly injured.

### 15 RIOTERS KILLED, 40 HURT FIGHTING POLICE IN ESSEN; BIG STRIKE SET FOR TO-DAY

Security Police Recapture Nitrogen Plant at Leuna After Sharp Fight, Taking 1,000 Prisoners, Rifles, Machine Guns and Much Ammunition.

ESSEN, Germany, March 29. (Associated Press).—Fifteen rioters were killed and forty others wounded in a clash with the Security Police here. The attempt to bring on a general strike in this region has so far failed.

An "exceptional status" has been proclaimed for Dortmund, Bochum, Gelsenkirchen and other points in Rhenish Prussia.

The "exceptional status" referred to presumably is similar to or identical with the "non-military state of siege" which has been put into force by the German authorities in parts of Central Germany affected by the Communist disorders. Except the minor outbreak in the American bridgehead region Monday, the disorders in Essen are the first in the Rhine area since the outbreak of the Communist rising in Prussian Saxony.

BERLIN, March 29. (Associated Press).—An important gain was made to-day by the Government forces in Central Germany when Government troops and Security Police surrounded the nitrogen plant at Leuna, which has been a Communist stronghold for the past five days, and forced the insurgents to surrender.

The troops took 1,000 prisoners and seized large supplies of rifles, machine guns and ammunition.

BERLIN, March 29.—In anticipation of disturbances growing out of a threatened general strike, this city has all the appearances of an armed camp to-day. Wilhelmstrasse has been occupied by troops and all avenues leading to the Government buildings are blocked by barbed wire entanglements.

Word from outlying districts tells of widespread trouble with which the authorities are coping with great difficulty. In the central and western industrial districts a number of towns are still in possession of the Communists, and in a number of places bridges have been blown up and property destroyed.

The fear of a general strike is the one depressing feature of the situation, and even those in a position to know the true state of affairs hesitate to predict the final outcome.

The most sensational of the latest events is an attempt to destroy the great electricity works at Spandau, near Berlin. During the night Communists heavily armed entered the works, overpowered the night shift, holding them helpless at a revolver's point and scattered bombs and infernal machines with time fuses about the building amid the machinery. Fortunately one of the watchers, evading the terrorists, gave a telephone alarm, so that armed police arrived in time to prevent explosions.

### GIRL YANKS FLIRT OFF SUBWAY TRAIN

Masher Sentenced to Workhouse After Miss Perley Hands Him Over to Police.

Miss Helen Perley, No. 461 East 183d Street, a pretty young schoolgirl, was on her way down town in a Lexington Avenue subway train this morning when she was annoyed by a persistent man standing next to her. Unable to change her position in the crowded car, she endured the man's behavior until the train reached 124th Street, where she got out and asked the man after her.

There was commotion on the platform and an Interboro policeman arrested the man Miss Perley had drugged from the train. He was found guilty in the Yorkville Court and sentenced to twenty days in the workhouse. He said he was William Motok, No. 1070 7th Avenue, a tailor.